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The actual Communist vote in the Italian election was just about what had been expected in most informed quarters. (We forecast some wks ago that Communists probably would poll approx 30% of total vote.) Apprehension was not that this group would gain majority, but that opposition vote would be badly scattered, permitting Communists to gain ascendancy. Remarkable strength of Christian Democrats has now eliminated that fear. Organized uprisings would hardly be expected at this point. Test will come when and if De GASPERI follows announced course of excluding Communists from new cabinet to be formed in May.

LEWIS: Long-range effect of pension decision is being overlooked in gen'l hullabaloo over court decision in contempt case. As in the past UMW leader serves as trail-blazer for other unions. You may expect pensions to become an issue in a number of industries as existing contracts come up for re-negotiation. Whether mgt likes it or not, this whole matter of employee welfare is sure to take on added significance in coming mo's.

STASSEN: Paradoxically, the more strength he shows in public tests, the more opposition he arouses in organized political circles. If it becomes apparent neither TAFT nor DEWEY can win nomination, they'll unite to melt the STASSEN snowball.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

JAS A FARLEY, former Postmaster Gen'l: "A 3rd party can only promote minority rule and tend to leave the country the prey of demagogues and malcontents." 1-Q

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Col JAS P COONEY, of the Army Medical Corps: "Mr and Mrs America have been so frightened by the information they have rec'd to date, that if an atomic bomb were dropped on one of our cities tomorrow, mass hysteria would probably cause the unnecessary loss of many lives." 2-Q

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MORRIS SAYRE, pres of NAM: "Half the inflation story is that big gov't spending has caused money and credit to run far in excess of goods." 3-Q

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Dr HAROLD C UREY, Univ of Chicago: "Once you stop talking, war is inevitable. We must keep on talking." 4-Q

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Sen HARRY F BYRD, of Va: "Stalin does not fear American dollars to fight communism but he does fear American dollars going into the most modern military preparedness." 5-Q

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THOS J WATSON, pres of IBM: "I can't conceive of any nation being able to convince itself that a war will benefit it." 6-Q

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Gen'l JAS H DOOLITTLE: "From another major war there will e-

merge no victor, no vanquished, only victims." 7-Q

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Sec'y of Defense JAS FORRESTAL: "If war broke out at this time the U S would be unable militarily, to prevent Soviet Russia from taking over Europe." 8-Q

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Prof NORMAN LEWIS, College of the City of N Y: "The truck driver, the stevedore and the short order cook are using English that probably will be standard with educated people 50 yrs from now." 9-Q

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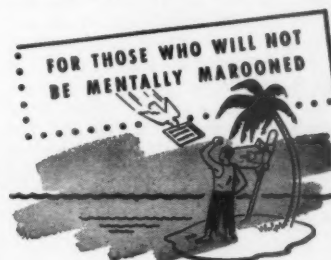
Capt JOHN O'BRIEN, skipper of the merchant ship, *Olympic Pioneer*: "If each American Communist had a round trip ticket to Russia, you can be sure they would use both halves." 10-Q

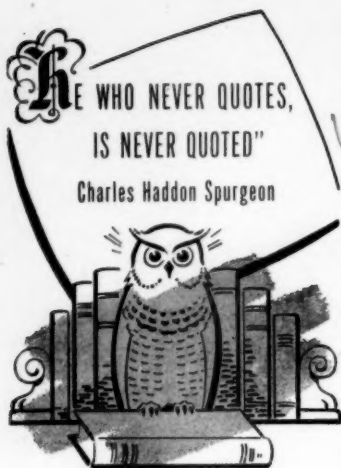
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FANNIE HURST, author: "This generation of the daughters of career women is retrogressing into...that thing known as 'The Home.'" 11-Q

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ANDRE MOUTON, agent, Port of New Orleans: "We have arrived at that point in this country where we must export or dry up." 12-Q





ACHIEVEMENT—1

An energetic lady said to her hired girl in a discouraged tone, "Here it is Monday morning and tomorrow will be Tuesday, and the next day Wednesday — the whole wk half gone and nothing done yet!"—*Teller*, hm, City Loan & Savings Co.

AMBITION—2

I think that all ambitions are lawful except those which climb upward on the miseries or credulities of mankind."—*Jos Conrad*, *A Familiar Preface*.

ANGER—3

Anger is a curved mirror which distorts unless the looker into it retains the mastery of the passion. The wise man and the fool become angry; the first remains as he is, the other becomes more the fool.—*Edward Courson*, *Judy's*.

BROTHERHOOD—4

You can't spell "brothers" and not spell "others."—*Baptist Standard*.

CAPITALISM—5

Capitalism in its fullest sense has been only a convenient economic word used to describe a whole agglomeration of habits, relationships, thinking patterns, and methods of social procedure. The agglomeration was an organic growth—it was never planned, never imposed by any superminds. No one thought it up, no one sat down to invent it; it sprang from the community spontaneously, as part of a necessary mode of ex-

pression at a given point of time.—*Edw R Dewey & Edwin F Dakin*, *Cycles, The Science of Production*. (Holt)

DIPLOMACY—6

When a politician wants to straddle an issue, he may be able to use this story.

You put me somewhat in the position of the father-in-law who had come for a wk and stayed for a mo. The young couple, trying to decide how to get rid of him, finally hit upon a plan. "You serve soup tonight," said the husband to his wife, "and we'll start arguing. I'll claim it has too much salt, and you say it doesn't have enough. If pa agrees with you, I'll get mad and order him out, and if he agrees with me, you get sore and order him to go."

Soup was served, and the argument ensued. At the height of the controversy, the son turned and said, "Pa, how about it; is the soup too salty or not?"

The old man dipped his spoon into the soup, lifted it to his lips, tasted it carefully, reflected a moment, then repl'd, "Suits me."—*Speaker's Magazine*.

DIVORCE—7

Dialog at Penn Station:

1st woman; "Helen and Paul are going together again."

2nd woman; "It's one of the most mixed up things I ever heard."

1st woman; "It's just one of those wartime divorces that didn't pan out."—*P M*

EDUCATION—8

A vacant mind invites dangerous inmates, as a deserted mansion tempts wandering outcasts to enter and take up their abode in its desolate ap'ts. — *Hilliard*, quoted in *Forbes*.

EXAMPLE—9

My 10-yr-old son came to me, and asked to do something, and when I told him he couldn't he gave the answer I had been waiting to hear: "But, daddy, all the other kids can do it." It is going to take me a long time to prove to him that the fact that everybody else is doing it is a very good reason why he shouldn't.—*Wm E Park*, *The Quest for Inner Peace*. (Macmillan).

FRIENDSHIP—10

Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing one.—*NEA Jnl*.

FUTURE—Prediction—11

Forecasts for the yr have been placed on the record. It would be worth a pretty penny to know which will prove right, which wrong. During one of our business depressions, a retail merchant wrote to the late Jos M Herman, the shoe magnate, as follows: "I am confused about the future trend of business. Will you let me know what conditions are going to be 6 mo's from now. Enclosed find 2¢ stamp for reply."

Mr Herman shook his head as he passed the letter on to his sec'y. "For 2¢," he observed, "he wants to know what I would give \$100,000 to know."—*Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Associates, Boston.

GOSSIP—12

It's all right to give the low-down on a person if it's the foundation for a build-up — *Marcelene Cox*, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

GOVT—13

While we all think we are getting "too much govt"—just think what would happen if we got all the govt we are paying for.—*Erie Magazine*, hm, Erie Ry.

HEALTH—14

The rest of your days depends on the rest of your nights.—*Rotary Bit*.

HISTORY—15

With history piling up so fast, practically any day now is a 1st or 2nd anniv of something awful.—*Gilcrafter*, hm, Gilbert Paper Co.

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History is compared to a mighty soap opera, in which we are daily invited to tune in tomorrow for the next exciting episode—if any.—*Bill Vaughan*, *Kansas City Star*.

HUMAN NATURE—16

The only time some people work like a horse is when the boss rides them.—*Gabriel Heatter*, radio commentator.

HUNGER—17

The less food there is, the more omnipresent does it seem to be. Often in the middle of a conversation Germans with whom I was talking would pull out a slice of dry bread and munch it, much as one would mechanically light a cigarette. The "main" meal they have in the morning or at noon leaves

them hungry, and within an hr or so they feel the familiar craving for food.—H PETER DREYER, "The Face of Hunger," *Survey Graphic*, 3-'48.

The Victor

If you think you are beaten,
you are.
If you think you dare not, you
don't.
If you'd like to win, but you
think you can't,
It's almost certain you won't.
If you think you will lose, you've
lost,
For out in the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's
will;
It's all in the state of mind.
If you think you're outclassed,
you are.
You've got to think high to rise.
You've got to be sure of yourself
before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles won't always go
To the strongest or fastest man,
But, soon or late, the man who
wins
Is the man who thinks he can.
—GEO W LONGENECKER, *Sunset
Poems.* 18

INGENUITY—19

A traveler, wishing to test the ingenuity of the Chinese, who are reputed to be able to do anything they are paid to do, arrived at an inn and, throwing down a copper, said to the innkeeper: "For this copper I want food, drink and entertainment."

The innkeeper ret'd with a slice of watermelon. Placing it before the traveler, he said: "You asked for food, drink and entertainment. Here it is. You eat the pulp, drink the juice, and play with the seeds." —THOS STEEP, *Chinese Fantastics*, (Century)

IRONY—20

When Paramount got tired of a lot of trash around the lot it paid \$2.50 a load to have it hauled away. Then the *Great Gatsby* script req'd a city dump. So Paramount ordered the junk back, at \$2.50 a load.—*Des Moines Register*.

KNOWLEDGE—Discrimination—21

The trouble with our world today is not any lack of information—we are buried under the printed word.

Whole forests are fed wkly to the paper mills so that we can have at our finger tips all of man's recorded wisdom. This is fine for posterity, but makes all of us immediately liable to drowning in a sea of unassimilated facts.—JOHN V H DORR, pres, Engineering Index, Inc.

LANGUAGE—22

If you happen to read in a police story that "The miscreant has been apprehended and placed in custody," you may be pretty sure it was written by a lad who would say, "They grabbed the lug and put him in the hoosegow."—*Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

LIFE—23

The Principle of Life is like the principle of mathematics. It always gives us the right answer when we do the sum correctly.—HELEN VAN SLYKE, *Rainbow Thoughts*.

MAN—Behavior—24

The superior man is dignified, but not proud; the inferior man is proud, but not dignified. — *York Trade Composer*, hm, York Composition Co.

MANNERS—25

Good manners consist largely in treating the other fellow as though he were as important as he would like to have you think he is.—*Sun Dial*.

MARRIAGE—26

Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in contrary direction, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them.—EARL RINEY, *Church Mgt*.

OPPORTUNITY—Missed—27

A carpenter had been picked for a foreman's job by his employer. One day the employer happened to be watching that carpenter when the quit-work whistle blew. At that moment the carpenter was driving a nail. He stopped hammering at the 1st sound of the whistle. He did not finish driving in that 1 nail. Then and there he lost his chance to become a foreman.—*Pegmatites*, hm, Golding-Keene Co.

ORIGIN—"Derby"—28

The term "Derby" in regard to horse racing originated in 1780 when the Earl of Derby offered an

annual prize at the famed Epsom course.—*Liberty*.

ORIGIN—"Handicap"—29

Handicap is a contraction of *hand-in-cap*, an old English game which consisted of bartering articles, with contestants giving "boots" or odds as decreed by an umpire. The players were req'd to deposit forfeit money in a cap. *Hand-in-cap* refers to the method of drawing lots. In the 18th century, *handicap* was applied to advantages allowed inferior contestants in horse-racing and other sports. Later it meant any encumbrance.—BURKE DOBIE, *Everybody's Wkly*.

PEACE—30

When the last fighting war stopped and peace "broke out" the dove of peace did not bring an olive branch in its bill: it brought only the bill.—WENDELL NOBLE, on recent "Newscope" broadcast.

POLITICS—31

A successful politician is a person who can take a popular economic fallacy and make a major plank for his party.—*Banking*.

PRICES—32

Commodity prices for 28 commodities (Aug '39 equal 100) was 318.9 on April 3, compared with 334.1 on April 5, '47.—*Survey Bulletin*.



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CALCULATING DEVICES: Calcu-
laide Profit Rule, device to meas-
ure accurately answers to problems
in profits, costs, percentages, etc.,
can be used for multiplication, divi-
sion, ratio and proportion in same
way as conventional slide rule. (*Ad-
vertiser's Digest*)

GADGETS: Plated silver ash-
trays have clips by which to attach
them to edge of saucer on the din-
ing table. Provided in sets, one for
each smoker, they discourage put-
ting cigarette ashes into tea cups.
(*Science Service*)

ILLUMINATION: Polaply, polar-
izing medium, is used in an attach-
ment for fluorescent desk lamp. Po-
laply uses a number of thin plastic
sheets held between glass. Sheets
supply polarizing effect, cut out
glare beams in all directions. Pro-
tective frame prevents stray light
leakage. Polarized Illumination, Inc.,
Whitestone, L. I. (*Business Wk*)

PLASTICS: Plastic earphones,
molded to fit individual ear and
shut out cold air, have been devel-
oped at the Ft Knox army lab to
protect the ears of field radio op-
erators from frostbite. Earpieces,
which can be used in extreme tem-
peratures and which cause no in-
jury to the ear under ordinary con-
ditions, improve the operators' abil-
ity to hear signals despite interfer-
ing noise. (*N Y Times*)

PLUMBING: Electric "Thermo-
tape" operating on same principle
as electric heating pad, will take
hex off frozen pipes. Tape comes in
long narrow strips that can be at-
tached to pipes; plugged in electri-
cal outlet, it heats up to 160°. Draw-
backs: operates only on A C,
uses high wattage (140-280).
(*Smith-Gates Corp'n*, Plainville,
Conn)

RACE—Pride—33

When an opponent of the late
Fiorello H LaGuardia once pointed-
ly remarked that the former mayor
had never called att'n to the fact
that his mother was Jewish, La-
Guardia casually said: "Unfortun-
ately, I don't have enough Jewish
blood in me to brag." — **BUSTER
ROTHMAN**, *Reader's Scope*.

REPRISAL—34

Legend has it that when Andrew
Jackson, as Pres, visited New Or-
leans, a lady of great beauty but
questionable virtue invited him to
dinner, but, prompted by his ad-
visers, he did not even bother to
answer her invitation. The lady
fumed—and bided her time. Some
yrs later a project was formulated
to beautify Jackson Sq. and erect a
statue of the Pres in the center.
The model selected showed Jackson
on horseback, hat in hand. Public
subscriptions were lagging until the
lady made a proposition: if the
statue was placed facing her ap't,
she would make up the entire def-
icit. The committee agreed and so,
for the balance of her life, the lady
who had been ignored by Andrew
Jackson in the flesh had the sup-
reme satisfaction, every time she
looked out of her window, of seeing
his statue looking straight at her
and doffing his hat.—**BENNETT CERF**,
Sat Review of Literature.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—35

One way to reduce motor acci-
dents is to build cars so they can't
go any faster than the average per-
son thinks.—*American Observer*.

SUCCESS—36

There's no fun achieving success
when everybody is looking the
other way. — *Phoenix Flame*, hm,
Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

THOUGHT—37

Our souls are dyed the color of
our thoughts.—*Walker Log*, hm, Jas
Walker Marine and Mill Supplies.

TRUTH—38

A lie will go around the world
before the truth gets its boots on.—
Akron Baptist Jnl.

Beware of a half truth. You may
have gotten hold of the wrong half.
—*Wesley News*.

UNITED NATIONS—39

What the UN possibly needs is
an FBI of its own. As things are,

the simplest procedures are neg-
lected—like classifying the finger-
prints on Czechoslovakia's neck.—
Richmond Times-Dispatch.

WAR—40

It's beginning to appear that it
won't be many yrs before the world
wars begin to overlap.—*Grit*.

One trouble with waging a cold
war is that it takes so many cool
millions to do it. — *Lake Mills
Leader*.

WORK—41

Profit is a by-product of work;
happiness its chief product.—*Con-
struction Digest*.

WORRY—42

All worry is atheism, because it
is a want of trust in God.—*Mrgsr
FULTON J SHEEN*.

Conscription Simplified

Haile Selassie, Ethiopian em-
peror issued a conscription order
in '35. Military sources re-
leased it last wk, as talk of a
U S draft was revived: "(1) All
men and boys able to carry a
spear go to Addis Ababa. (2)
Every married man will bring
his wife to cook and wash for
him. (3) Every unmarried man
will bring any unmarried wom-
an he can find to cook and wash
for him. (4) Women with babies,
the blind, and those too aged
and infirm to carry a spear are
excused. (5) Anyone found at
home after receiving this order
will be hanged."—*Rocky Moun-
tain News*. 43

YOUTH—Guidance—44

The Catholic Youth Organization
(CYO) boxing championship finals
held in Chicago are an outcome of
a grim event in a death cell of the
old Cook Co jail in 1911.

Bishop Bernard J Sheil, founder
of the CYO, was then just Father
Sheil, chaplain at the jail. He ap-
proached a young murderer who
was to die on the gallows and
asked: "Is there anything I can do
for you, son?"

The youth, in an anguished voice,
exclaimed: "Why do they wait until
there's a rope around my neck
before they try to do something for
me?"—*Chicago Sun*.



To Love and to Cherish

It is almost impossible to classify NEDRA TYRE'S Red Wine First (Simon & Schuster, \$2.75), for, altho it is fiction, it is not a novel, nor is it a book of short stories. It is rather an autobiographical sketch of 26 human beings, each complete as he or she tells his own story in his own words to a Social Agency case

worker. Some are happy-go-lucky. Some are sorrowful. Some are figures of tragedy. All of them lived and died in 3 of the Southern states, but they might have lived anywhere for they speak as all men and women do, of love and hate and human dignity, and of the anguish caused when minds and hearts and bodies go unsef.

NEDRA TYRE, the author, was born in Georgia and lives in Atlanta. She has been employed as a social worker since 1939. Her book came into the offices of a publisher as an unheralded and unsolicited mss, and it is human speech at its most human.

Yes, ma'am, you come a runnin' just as quick as you heared it, didn't you, just let yore work slide, wantin' to know what a old man like me married for, especially a young girl like that without no mind. Hell, you think anybody with a mind woulda married me?

I'm mighty tired of all the talk that's goin' on. I'm tired of all the sniggerin' that folks is doin', I'm tired of them infernal kids around the neighborhood sayin' nasty words to me. Makes me feel like I'm livin' in a pig-sty. Blast their puny souls, blast 'em straight to hell for their evil tongues and their evil thoughts.

It's spring now and even this evil st is pretty with the trees fannin' theirselves with their little green leaves. But spring don't last. I'm rememberin' last winter and this room—cold as death, chinks in the wall so big I could stick my fist thru 'em, wharf rats high tailin' it round the floor. I'm rememberin' bein' sick and not bein' able to call out. I'm rememberin' bein' thirsty and most of all I'm rememberin' a weary old man that needed somebody, just anybody, just a human bein' near him. Folks need folks so bad.

Last mo I was walkin' up the st rememberin' it when I heard a awful racket, a old lady's shrill voice yellin' to somebody. . . And then this girl come creepin' out on the porch. You could tell from lookin' at her she wasn't bright. I just sorta stood there on the sidewalk till she come on down the steps, feelin' like I wanted to say somthin' or pat her head as you would a dog that's been beat. Mighty nice day, ain't it, I said tryin' to make my voice sound soft like. She just kindly tucked her head like a little shamed child.

After that I taken to walkin' up

that way of a mornin'. And she'd be settin' there waitin', smilin' that scared little smile of hern. She'd trot along behind, same as a puppy that wants to show you he's friendly and yet don't have no mind to bother you or get in yore way.

One day that foulmouthed mother of hern was waitin' when we come back, screamin' you better leave my girl alone or I'll call the pole-ice. She struck that pore girl like it was all the evil of hell she was aimin' to hit and the pore thing fell against the pavemint and the blood colored her cheek. My tremblin' old hands reached out to pick her up. I said come on child, no need for you to lay there, come on with me. I taken out my dingy handkerchief and spit on it and washed the blood offn her cheek. The look she give me was enough to break yore heart.

I led her to my cluttered old room. Didn't have nothin' to offer her to eat but 2 or 3 potatoes, but we set there eatin' together and nothin' never tasted so good to me. I'd found somebody lonelier and miserabler than me. I found somebody that needed pertectin' and lookin' after and I wanted to do it. I knowed I couldn't be happy less I done it. And I thought to myself, ain't goin' to be a soul can say nothin' about her and me. So I mentioned us gettin' married. And I thought, here I am askin' somebody to marry me and I don't know her name, and yet it seemed about the only right thing I ever thought of in my life.

We married pretty soon after that. She's give me such pleasure just bein' here. I ain't never touched her, don't aim to touch her. She sleeps on little pallet.

And we ain't neither one lonely



What Peace Demands

April 27th marks the 66th anniv of the death of the great American poet, essayist and philosopher, RALPH WALDO EMERSON. Descended from generations of New England clergymen, Emerson was trained to carry on the tradition but after a few yrs he resigned the ministry, unable to coordinate his beliefs with the forms and ceremonies of the church. But the wisdom and inspiration with which his works abound express a personal ministry as he sought to befriend and guide the inner life of man.

This excerpt is from Miscellanies.

The cause of peace is not the cause of cowardice. If peace is sought to be defended or preserved for the safety of the luxurious and the timid it is a sham, and the peace will be base. War is better, and the peace will be broken. If peace is to be maintained it must be by brave men who have come up to the same height as the hero, namely, the will to carry their life in their hand and stake it at any instant for their principle, but who have gone one step beyond the hero and will not seek another man's life—men who have, by their intellectual insight or else by their moral elevation, attained such a perception of their own intrinsic worth that they do not think property or their own body a sufficient good to be saved by such dereliction of principle as treating a man like a sheep.

no more, we ain't afraid no more, can't nothin' touch us, can't nothin' really hurt us. And I don't worry about the wintertime. I got somebody to love.

A man has to have somethin' besides hisself.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

A patron at a private beach left his wife alone for a few min's. When he came back he saw a crowd of excited people gathered at the water's edge. "What's the matter?" he asked someone.

"They just pulled someone out of the water," was the reply. The man investigated and found that the rescued party was his wife.

"What are you doing to her?" he cried.

"We're giving her artificial respiration," was the answer.

"Artificial!" screamed the man. "Give her the real thing! I'll pay for it!"—BOB SCHOENHOLT, *True* a

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The average co-ed hopes to graduate from college these days Magna Cum Lad.—BUDDY LESTER, P M.

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The partnership of Jones & Johnson threatened to go on the rocks when Johnson fell madly in love with Jones' wife. Jones was very understanding about the whole thing, but finally told his partner: "This thing simply cannot go on any longer."

"We've always been sporting men," said Johnson. "What do you think of playing one game of backgammon to see who gets the girl?"

The husband thought this proposition over for a few moments, then agreed. "Let's play for a quarter a point on the side," he repl'd, "just to make it interesting."—Ram-Buller. b

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If a politician had to stand on the planks of his platform it would be constructed better.—MIKE SPLAVER, quoted by EARL WILSON, syndicated col.

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He was a kindly old gentleman, a retired business man now operating a farm. We were in the local grocery store, discussing the meat problem, and the old gentleman was rather outspoken in his contentions concerning the meat famine. He had been a customer there for yrs, and the mgr must have overheard some of his pointed personal remarks.

Finally the mgr stepped from be-

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

TOM BENSON

Chairman & Managing director Southern Countries Dairies Co, England

Plantations of the ante-bellum South in the U S bought supplies in large quantities. Molasses, for example, was purchased in barrel lots. At one plantation, a little lad of about 6 formed the habit of slipping down to the basement. Hurrying to the barrel he would dip his fingers into the molasses and then contentedly lick them clean.

Came the day when he tumbled into the barrel. Coming to the surface, rubbing the molasses out of his eyes, and licking it off his fingers, he raised his eyes, saying:

"Oh, Lord, make my tongue equal to my opportunity!"—Rotarian.

hind the counter and said, "Now see here, I have a bone to pick with you!"

The old gentleman repl'd quickly. "If it has any meat on it, wrap it up and I'll take it!"—HENRY CHAS SUTER. c

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Money doesn't grow on sprees.—Menthology.

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A matron stalked up to a friend with fire in her eye. "So you've been saying that I remind you of a frog, eh?" she demanded.

"No, dear, not a frog!" purred the other. "A toad, darling."—HARLAN MILLER, *Des Moines Register*. d

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A man with a wonderful vocabulary is one who can describe a shapely girl without using his hands.—Wall St Jnl.

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Melinda DeLacy, the noted critic, returning home from Sunday services, discovered that she had left

her purse in church. As she began to retrace her steps, a sleek limousine drew up to the curb. It was the priest who had come to return her purse. As he handed it to her, the purse flew open and her cigarettes, among other things, dropped to the sidewalk.

Bending to her assistance, he remarked, "The Virgin Mary never smoked."

"Nor," she retorted, "did Jesus ride around in a limousine!"—TED BENTZ. e

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Motorist: A person who, after seeing a wreck, drives carefully for several blocks.—Origin Unknown.

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A very small man married a widow who was unusually tall and large. A few wks after the wedding one of his friends came upon him looking very glum.

"What's the matter?" asked the friend. "Isn't your new wife agreeable?"

"She's kindness itself," said the small one sadly.

"Isn't she a good housekeeper—a good cook?"

"None better in the world," said the groom, drooping a little more.

"Then what's the matter?"

"I'd be perfectly happy," blurted the little man, "if people didn't call me 'the widow's mate'!"—Grit. f

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They say about a certain actress' diamonds that they may be real, but if she drops them she will have seven yrs' bad luck.—DON IDON, Daily Mail. (London)

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Mr Bigg liked to know all about the employes who toiled in his vast business. One day he came upon a new young man, who was dextrously counting out a large wad of the firm's cash.

"Where did you get your financial training, young man?" he said.

"Yale," the young man ans'd.

Mr Bigg was a staunch advocate

of higher learning. "Good," he said, "and what's your name?"

"Yackson."—*Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co. g

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Hollywood is a place where people believe in love at first.—BOB GARRED, Milwaukee Jnl.

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When a producer started to quibble with her about a fee for a scripting job, Dorothy Parker squelched him with, "You can't take it with you, and even if you could, it would melt!"—IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter*. h

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I sometimes wonder which is going to reach the moon 1st, rockets or prices.—PAUL WHITEMAN, radio program.

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The gentleman had just completed a course of driving lessons and was being commended by his instructor: "A little more practice on your own and you'll make a 1st-rate driver."

"Thanks," beamed the pleased novice. Then, struck with a thought, he asked: "Say, what would you advise me to do in case the brakes gave way?"

"I'd suggest," commented the other, "that you steer toward something cheap."—*Copper's Wkly.* i

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Speeder: One who plays the hearses.—KATE M OWNEY, Magazine Digest.

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A preacher whose congregation regularly spurn seats in the front of the church was surprised to see one man, a stranger, in the very 1st row. After the sermon, the pastor asked the man why he sat down in front. The man repl'd that, being a bus driver, he wanted to find out how the preacher got people to move to the rear.—*Pathfinder*. j

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The wary citizen puts off believing something until it has been officially denied. — Dane County News.

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He was much more enthusiastic over the looks of his wife than his friends were. "She's marvelous," he declared. "She just floated down

from Heaven and landed in front of me."

Said one of the listeners in a low tone to the man beside him, "Too bad, wasn't it, that she landed on her face?"—*Volta Review*. k

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A beauty shop today is a place where men are rare and women are well done.—Peninsular Light, hm, Peninsular Life Ins Co.

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Speaking on the dangers of modern food, the speaker pointed a finger at a harassed looking listener and demanded, "What is it that we all eat, at some time or another, that is the worst thing imaginable for us? Do you know, sir?"

Softly came the answer from the little man, "Wedding cake."—*L & N Magazine*, hm, Louisville & Nashville Ry. l

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A clever person is one who puts his problems away for a brainy day.—High Gear.

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It was rent day, and old Geo, who farmed a small-holding in the village, was shown into the study where her ladyship saw her tenants. "Good morning, Geo. I know you've had a very bad time lately and the season has been terrible, so I have decided to remit your rent for this last half yr."

Geo, quite overcome, opened his mouth, shut it again and then shouted, "M'lady, you'm just like a girt fat 'og!"

"Really, Geo?" said her ladyship, somewhat taken aback.

"M'lady, there's not a mossel o' bad in 'ee!"—*C J Twist, Countryman*. (Great Britain) m

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Diplomacy: The art of cutting the other fellow's throat without using a knife.—WILSON MIZNER, Coronet.

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Eight-yr-old Dick came home one day and informed me that all the children in his class believed the stork brought them. I said, "You didn't tell them anything different, did you?"

"No," he ans'd, "I just told them that they had a lot to learn."—*Parents' Magazine*. n

Spring Song

Say, Ma, you know it's gittin' awful hot; jest playin' one-ol-cat I sweat a lot. A frog was croakin' in the pond last night; the dandelion's showin' bright; the pieplant's up half a foot, I know; the purple flags was green a wk ago; there's signs o' spring 'round most everywhere—I wisht 'at I could change my unawares. Ma, kin I?

They're itchin' me to beat the very band! Say, Ma, it's gittin' more'n I kin stand! The wax-wings was a-flyin' north today; I heard a robin scoldin' at a jay; the seeds is sproutin' in the stubble field, and Pa is wonderin' will the clover yield. It's spring, you see; why look most everywhere—I wisht 'at I could change my unawares. Ma, kin I?

They stick an' scratch me just like all gitout! I'm goin' bugs, there ain't a bit o' doubt! I seen a crocus pokin' thru the ground; I think a honey-bee was stirrin' round; the sap is risin' in the sugar trees; I smell a whiff of willows on the breeze. It's spring, I tell you, Ma, jest everywhere—I wisht 'at I could change my unawares! Ma, kin I?—*Sunshine Magazine*. o

Most famous of Mrs Eisenhower's remarks, perhaps, is the story of her bright retort to former Ambassador Jos C Grew, serving as toastmaster at a dinner for Gen'l Marshall. In a burst of emotional oratory, Mr Grew inadvertently declared that Gen'l Marshall wanted nothing more than to retire to his Leesburg (Va) country place with "Mrs Eisenhower" (meaning to say, of course, Mrs Marshall). This slip touched off hilarious laughter, and the flustered Mr Grew apologized "to the gen'l." Piped up Mamie Eisenhower, "Which gen'l?"—MALVINA STEPHENSON, NANA. p

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The teacher, conducting a discussion of current events, asked, "Johnnie, what is the UN?"

Johnnie began: "The UN are. . ." "Don't say 'are,'" corrected the teacher. "Say 'is.'"

"All right," sighed Johnnie. "The UN isbitrates nat'l controversies."—GILBERT R BRACKETT, Woman. q



On Spending \$3 Billion

With \$3 billion per yr proposed for compulsory military training all these things could be done:

1. Construct a 10-room modern school bldg in every county in the U S each yr.
2. Construct a \$50,000 library in every county in the U S each yr.
3. Construct annually a \$150,000 hospital in each county.
4. Employ 10 full-time school and public health doctors and 10 full-time school and public health nurses in every county.
5. Purchase 10 new modern school buses in each county each yr.
6. Maintain one psychiatric and behavior clinic in every county.
7. Provide 10 recreation and juvenile guidance workers in every county.
8. Bring all schools of every county up to a reasonable standard of efficiency.
9. Provide free education for the 3 million children under 18 who are now not attending school.
10. Meet the payroll of one junior college with 10 instructors in every county.
11. Provide all the expenses of a 3 yr post-graduate course for 10,004 selected students each yr.
12. Pay the full maintenance and tuition at college or technical school for 1 yr of the 900,000 boys who would be conscripted.
13. Erect a \$750,000 trade and technical school in each Congressional district each yr.—*Teacher's Digest*.

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"I Want Only to Belong!" Meditation of the Minorities—NELLIE W HAMM, *American City*, 4-48.

They asked me what it is that I want of America. "Must you always raise an issue or present a

problem?" they asked. "What is it you want?"

What do I want? It is such a little thing—a child could ask no less. Perchance just to feel that I, too, may sit at the table of America and share its bounty as another mbr of the human family.

Let my shoulders, too, turn the wheels of industry. At dusk let me watch the twinkling lights of a great city come up, feel its gentle pulse beat, and know that perhaps my hand stimulated its heart.

On a crowded bus or shining train, that by my sweat has come rolling off the assembly line, may I have a smile instead of a frown from my fellow traveler.

To enter a shop, mkt or merchandise mart, that by my labored breath was erected to the sky, and be greeted with a pleasant, "May I help you, please?"—thus knowing that my face and my money are welcome.

I want to be a part of the living arts—to lift my voice in the community chorus, to dance a cotillion of friendship, to compose a symphony of kindred minds, to paint a scene of mutual sorrows and laughter.

Don't let them consider me an oddity, a blight on the family of races, the "block bad boy" carrying a chip of defense on my shoulder. I want no "fight," no "issue," no "problem." Dear God, help them see—I want only to belong!

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Poets and Peasants —LOUIS UNTERMAYER, *Woman's Home Companion*, 4-48.

Many of us think ourselves realists in a world of hard facts. But underneath we are all poets. The average person may scorn the charge that he thinks and talks in poetic symbols. Yet even our every-

day speech includes high-flying metaphors and beautiful, if irresponsible, fancies.

Strangely, tho, some of our most popular poetic expressions have quite logical origins. But these origins are usually so ancient that today they're unknown to most of us.

The word "patter" generally means nothing more than glib talk, rapid and idle speech. Originally, it referred to the Lord's Prayer, or paternoster. So many worshippers hurried thru this prayer, repeating it so mechanically, that the paternoster became a mere patter of syllables.

Our word "tawdry," meaning cheap and gaudy, also has a churchly origin. It's a shortened version of "St Audrey's lace" and refers particularly to the kind of goods sold at fairs held in England on St Audrey's Day, Oct 17. Among the flashy trifles and gewgaws typical of these fairs were necklaces called "t Audrey's." Hence, anything showy and without taste became known as tawdry.

We often say, "Mind your p's and q's," to warn a person to be on his best behavior. We never think of telling him to mind his m's and n's. The reason dates back to the reign of Louis XIV. Then, wigs of tremendous size were worn by the French nobility, while formal bows were so deep that unless the owner was careful his wig might fall off and trip him. Therefore, the master of court functions always reminded his royal pupils to walk carefully and mind their p's—pieds, or feet—and their q's—queues, a one-time French colloquialism for wigs. . .

After we wake up from a nightmare we may feel as if we had been driven by wild horses, but actually the "mare" in "nightmare" has nothing to do with a steed. Our Anglo-Saxon ancestors were afraid of evil spirits. One of the most feared was Mara, a hag who rode abroad at night. As late as the 19th century one of Sir Walter Scott's characters remarked to a haggard sleepy-looking individual, "I do believe that the witch Mara has been dealing with you." For the record, Mara's mare was the traditional broomstick.

